

HOUSE BILL 1690
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-5-101 and Section 57-6-102, relative to the definition of beer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-5-101(a), is amended by adding the phrase “, ale and malt beverages” between the words “beer” and the words “of alcoholic content”.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-5-101(a), is further amended by inserting the language “or six percent (6%) by volume” after the language “five percent (5%) by weight”.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-5-101(a), is further amended by adding the following:

For purposes of this section, “malt beverages” shall include beverages made by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or decoction, or combination of both, in potable brewing water, of malted barley with hops, or their parts, or their products, and with or without other malted cereal, and with or without the addition of unmalted or prepared cereals, other carbohydrate or products prepared therefrom, and with or without the addition of carbon dioxide, and with or without other wholesome products suitable for human consumption, and/or containing alcohol derived from sources other than fermentation at the brewery.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-6-102(1) is amended by inserting the language “or six percent (6%) by volume” after the language “five percent (5%) by weight”.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-6-102(1), is further amended by deleting the semi-colon following the phrase “§ 57-3-101”, by substituting instead a period, and by adding the following language:

For purposes of this section, “malt beverages” shall include beverages made by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or decoction, or combination of both, in potable brewing water, of malted barley with hops, or their parts, or their products, and with or without other malted cereal, and with or without the addition of unmalted or prepared cereals, other carbohydrate or products prepared therefrom, and with or without the addition of carbon dioxide, and with or without other wholesome products suitable for human consumption, and/or containing alcohol derived from sources other than fermentation at the brewery;

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.